Concession re:payment of tax on waste lands and r.-claimed lands.

82. *MR. S. ADAM SAIT: (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any concession regarding the payment of tax in respect of waste lands and reclaimed lands in the State that do not yield any income, in consideration of the economic depression; and

(*b*) whether the divide plan of the minor circuit of the Iranimuttam pakuthy, Trivandrum Taluk is available?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI:

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) There are no divide plans for the minor circuits in the Iranimuttam pakuthi.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Particulars re-Survey No. 3274/H in Neyyoor Desam, Colachel pakuthy.

49. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether S. No. 3274/H in Neyyoor Desom, Colachel pakuthy, is a puravu tank;

(*b*) the acreage of paddy lands under the above puravu;

(*c*) in what condition the inlet kal of the above tank is at present;

(*d*) whether there have been any encroachments in the above Survey number: and

(*e*) whether there have been any applicants for registry of portions of the tank bed?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There are no paddy lands which are fed solely by this tank. The total acreage of paddy lands fed by this tank, Oorkulam, and another tank Perumkulam is 97 acres and 63 cents.

(*c*) The inlet kal is in good condition.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

The Central Prison Press.

50. MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) under whose control the Central Prison Press is working; whether it was all along under the same control;

(*b*) whether they have enquired about the relative advantages, so far as outturns and expenditure are concerned, of the Press under different managements; and

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(*c*) whether several machines from that Press have been removed to the Government Press; and if so, the necessity for the same, seeing that the labour in the Central Prison is free?

RAO SAHIB Dr. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) Under the administrative control of the Superintendent, Government Press, from 1-3-1098, and prior to that under the charge of the Superintendent, Central Prison.

(*b*) No, as the method adopted in the Government Press for the valuation of the outturn, based on a technical schedule, is different from that followed in the Central Prison Press before amalgamation.

(*c*) Only one printing machine was so transferred to replace an old machine in the Government Press, particularly as it was found that this fine art machine could not possibly be put to the best use in the Central Prison Press where convicts are working.

Particulars re:external trade of the State by sea.

Mr. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With reference to the external trade of the State through sea, will the Government be pleased to state the following:

(*a*) the percentage of trade carried through the Trivandrum and Quilon Ports during the years 1106, 1107 and 1108:

(*b*) the total volume of trade carried through Trivandrum and Quilon ports during the years 1106, 1107 and 1108: and

(*c*) the number of steamers that called at Trivandrum and Quilon Ports during the last six years from 1103 to 1108 and their total tonnage?

Mr. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): A statement containing the information is laid on the table.

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